

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and prior listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for increasing player interest in ~~games~~ a game of chance, comprising:

~~enabling a gaming machine to receive a wager in the game of chance providing a game machine configured to enable a player to play a game whose outcome is based on chance in exchange for a wager and further comprising a printer operable disposed therein;~~

~~providing a lottery ticket purchasing pool, wherein in said game machine; funding said the lottery ticket purchasing pool is funded at least in part on a portion of the wager on an incrementally increasing basis; and~~

~~issuing a lottery ticket from said printer when said if the lottery ticket purchasing pool reaches a predetermined value in response to the wager, wherein the lottery ticket is associated with a player selection of one of a plurality of lotteries and when a game play finishes.~~

2. (currently amended) A method for playing a game of chance ~~on a gaming machine, the method~~ comprising:

~~receiving a player wager initiating a gaming-session game on a gaming machine;
funding a lottery ticket purchasing pool with at least a portion of the player wager;
initiating game play and presenting a game outcome of the game; and
determining whether providing a choice of one of a plurality of lotteries from which to issue a lottery ticket from if the game outcome is a winning outcome; and
issuing the lottery ticket to the player in response to a winning game outcome.~~

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising providing the player to opportunity to purchase additional lottery tickets.
4. (canceled)
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6. (canceled)

7. (new) A process for increasing player interest in wagering via a gaming machine, comprising:

receiving a primary wager initiating a game of chance;

funding a primary prize with at least a portion of the primary wager, wherein the primary prize is a purchase and an issuance of a lottery ticket; and

providing a choice of one of a plurality of lotteries from which the purchase is to be made if the primary wager results in winning the primary prize.

8. (new) The process of claim 7, further comprising providing a choice to purchase a lottery ticket with a credit in response to receiving a request to cash out.

9. (new) The process of claim 8, further comprising providing a choice of one of a plurality of lotteries from which the purchase is to be made in response to the choice to purchase a lottery ticket.

10. (new) The process of claim 9, wherein the game of chance is provided by a casino and the lottery is a state-sponsored lottery.

11. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a choice to purchase a lottery ticket with a credit in response to receiving a request to cash out.

12. (new) The method of claim 11, further comprising providing a choice of one of a plurality of lotteries from which to purchase a lottery ticket.

13. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein each one of the plurality of lotteries is a state-sponsored lottery.

14. (new) The method of claim 2, further comprising providing a choice to purchase a lottery ticket with a credit in response to receiving a request to cash out.

15. (new) The method of claim 14, further comprising providing a choice of one of a plurality of lotteries from which to issue a lottery ticket.

16. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein each one of the plurality of lotteries is a state-sponsored lottery. —